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REMARKS

A translation of the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report is submitted herewith. This annex includes claims 1-22. By the above amendment, all multiple dependencies have been removed from these claims to place the application in better condition for examination. An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 [either of claims 1 or 2] wherein gripping tab (46) is positioned according to a generating line of said cone and is located between two lines of weakness (43, 44) and fastened to said opening strip (45), said tab (46) using said notches (460, 461) to automatically direct the tearing strain when said cover is opened towards said two lines of weakness (43, 44) such that said cover is opened easily, ensuring the remaining lower part 11 of the cover located beneath said lower line (44) stays intact and said cork wire 3, if fitted, is freed.

4. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 3] wherein said tab (46) comprises notches or recesses (460, 461) made in said film or sheet material constituting said cover.

5. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 4] wherein width L_1 of said tab (46) ranges from 0.5 L to L with L ranging between 1.5 and 4 cm.

6. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 5] wherein said lower part (11, 65) comprises a so-called lower reinforcement (67) reinforcement means that increases the mechanical properties of all or part of said lower part (11)

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and adheres to all or part of the inner surface of said lower part (11, 65) at least along said lower line of weakness (44) and parallel to said lower line of weakness, said lower reinforcement (67) may also comprise an adhesive layer over all or part of the surface that can be activated and that is intended to adhere to said neck.

8. (Amended) Cover of claim 6 [either of claims 6 or 7] wherein all or part of the inner surface of said lower part (11) comprises a layer of glue or adhesive as fastening means that can be activated and that constitutes a bonded part 66 that adheres to said neck, typically after it has been activated.

10. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 9] wherein said upper part comprises a so-called upper reinforcement means (47) selected, particularly in terms of type and position on the inner surface of said upper part, to increase the mechanical properties of all or part of said upper part such that when said recipient or bottle is opened for said first time said opening strip (45), which is created by pulling on gripping tab (46), removes the whole of said upper part (10) along with it and to enable said upper line of weakness (43) to be removed by said upper reinforcement means.

13. (Amended) Cover of claim 10 [any of claims 10 to 12] wherein said upper reinforcement means (47) comprise a reinforcement strip or line that includes a lower part or edge (471) adjacent to lower line of weakness (44).

16. (Amended) Cover of claim 10 [any of claims 10 to 15] wherein said upper reinforcement means (47) cover the entire interior surface or inner periphery of the free part of said opening strip (45).

17. (Amended) Cover of claim 6 [any of claims 6 to 16] wherein said upper (47) or lower (67) reinforcement means consist either of a thin sheet or reinforcement strip, typically of a plastic material (preferably PET or PP), paper, or a layer, strip or line of plastic, resin, varnish or paint material.

18. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 [any claims 1 to 17] wherein said material constituting said cover is selected from sheets or strips of Al or Al alloys, Sn or Sn alloys, shrinkable plastic, Al/PO/Al complex multilayers, Al/PO/paper, PO/Al/PO, charged PO/Al/PO, where Al refers to a layer of aluminum, PO a layer of polyolefin (preferably PE) capable of containing a charge that is typically mineral.

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20. (Amended) Method for producing covers (1) of claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 19] wherein:

- a blank of arc (6) of said skirt is cut out of said film or sheet material of height H',
- said lower line of weakness (44) and said notches (460, 461) are provided on an axial edge (60),
- said additional means are provided, being selected from said upper line of weakness (43), said upper reinforcement means (47, 48), said lower reinforcement means (67), said means (66) for fastening all or part of lower part (11) to the neck,
- a radial line of heat- or pressure-activated adhesive (63) may be applied, typically on the other axial edge (61) of said arc, except on the matching part or opposite said tab (46),
- said arc (6) is rolled on a chuck by folding axial edge (60) back onto the other axial edge (61), a line of adhesive is applied between the two edges, or said pre-applied radial line of adhesive is activated, to shape said skirt (4) by pressing edges (60,61) together and possibly creating said grooves (9), and a head (5) is assembled or created, possibly by adding a part of the head and fastening it typically by thermobonding to upper rim (64) of said skirt that is possibly shrunk and folded.